

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A one piece anastomosis device for connecting a graft vessel to a
2 target vessel comprising:
3 a device body formed of a superelastic or pseudoelastic material, the
4 body having an insertion configuration and a tissue holding configuration in which
5 the body has an inner flange and an outer flange, wherein at least one of the inner
6 and outer flanges is radially constrained in the insertion configuration for insertion
7 into the target vessel and when released self deforms to the tissue holding
8 configuration.
- 1 2. The device of Claim 1, wherein a portion of the device body
2 between the inner flange and the outer flange is expandable from a first diameter
3 insertion configuration to a second diameter tissue holding configuration.
- 1 3. The device of Claim 1, wherein the superelastic or pseudoelastic
2 material is a nickel titanium alloy.
- 1 4. The device of Claim 1, further comprising a plurality of tissue
2 penetrating elements for penetrating and holding a graft vessel in place on the
3 device body.
- 1 5. The device of Claim 4, wherein the tissue penetrating elements are
2 formed on one of the inner and outer flanges.
- 1 6. The device of Claim 4, wherein the tissue penetrating elements
2 extend radially outwardly from the device body for holding an everted end of the
3 graft vessel.

1 7. The device of Claim 1, wherein the device body uses the
2 superelastic or pseudoelastic properties of the material to self deform from the
3 insertion configuration to the tissue holding configuration.

1 8. A tube deployed anastomosis system for connecting a graft vessel to
2 a target vessel comprising:
3 a deployment tube; and
4 an anastomosis device formed of a superelastic or pseudoelastic
5 material, the device having an insertion configuration and a tissue holding
6 configuration in which the device has an inner flange and an outer flange, wherein
7 the inner and outer flanges are radially constrained in the deployment tube in the
8 insertion configuration for insertion into the target vessel and when released from
9 the deployment tube, the device self deforms to the tissue holding configuration.

1 9. The device of Claim 8, wherein a portion of the device body
2 between the inner flange and the outer flange is expandable from a first diameter
3 insertion configuration to a second diameter tissue holding configuration.

1 10. The device of Claim 8, wherein the superelastic or pseudoelastic
2 material is a nickel titanium alloy.

1 11. The device of Claim 8, further comprising a plurality of tissue
2 penetrating elements for penetrating and holding a graft vessel in place on the
3 device body.

1 12. The device of Claim 11, wherein the tissue penetrating elements
2 extend radially outwardly from the device body for holding an everted end of the
3 graft vessel.

1 13. The device of Claim 8, wherein the device body uses the
2 superelastic or pseudoelastic properties of the material to self deform from the
3 insertion configuration to the tissue holding configuration.

1 14. A method of deploying an anastomosis system for connecting a graft
2 vessel to a target vessel, the method comprising:
3 connecting a graft vessel to a one piece device formed of a
4 superelastic or pseudoelastic material;
5 poking a portion of the one piece device through the graft vessel;
6 and
7 deploying the one piece device by self deformation to a tissue
8 holding configuration in which the device has an inner flange and an outer flange
9 and traps the target vessel tissue between the inner flange and the outer flange.

1 15. The method of Claim 14, wherein the one piece device is deployed
2 by removing a radially constraining deployment tool from the device.

1 16. The method of Claim 15, wherein the deployment tool is a
2 deployment tube which receives the tubular device, and wherein the deployment
3 tube is inserted partially into the target vessel wall and then withdrawn to deploy
4 the one piece device from the deployment tube.

1 17. The method of Claim 14, wherein the one-piece device is deployed
2 by employing the superelastic or pseudoelastic property of a superelastic or
3 pseudoelastic material from which the one piece device is formed.

1 18. The method of Claim 14, wherein the graft vessel is everted around
2 the one piece device.

1 19. The method of Claim 14, wherein the deployed one piece device
2 abuts an intima of the graft vessel against an intima of the target vessel.

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